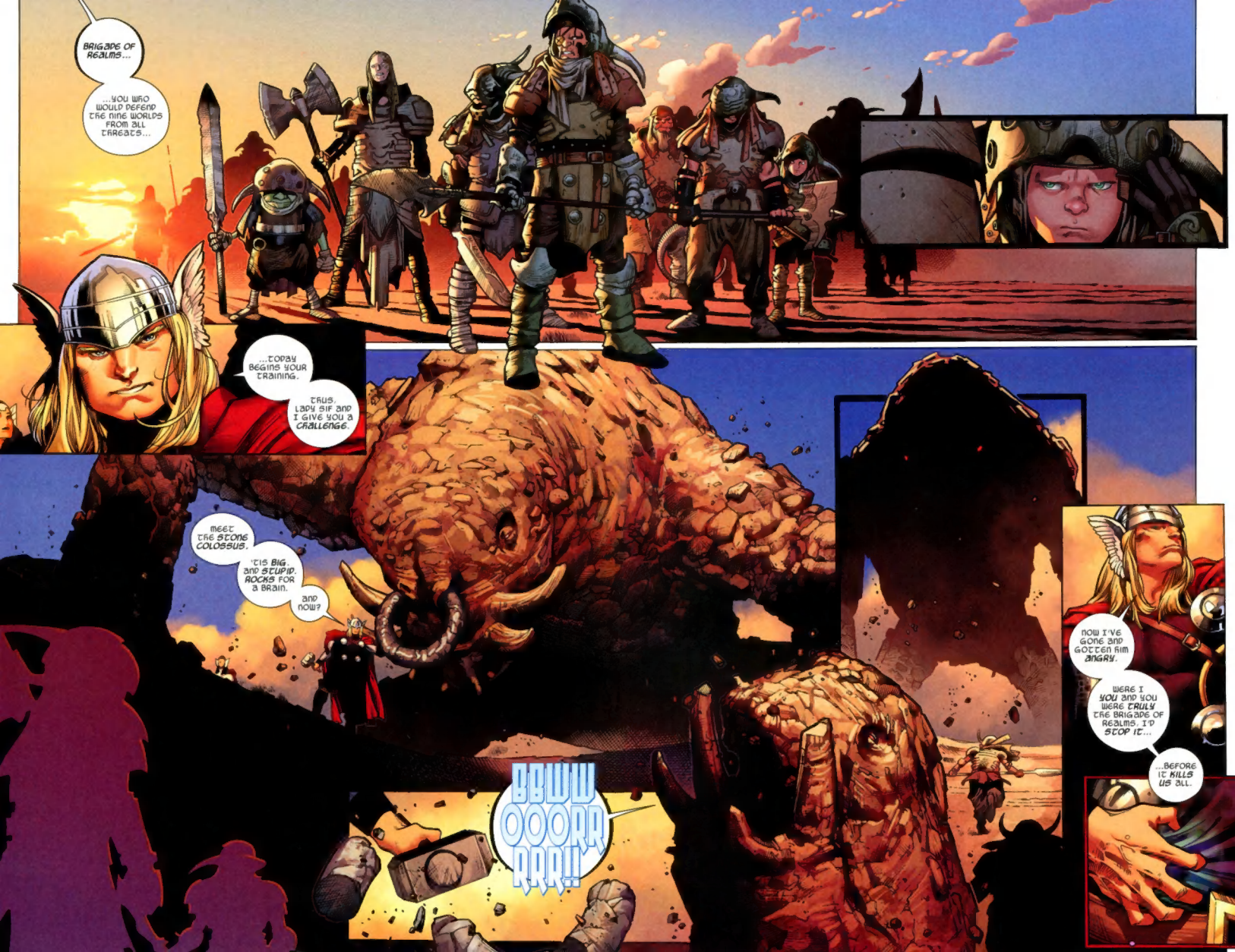
BRIGADE OF REALMS...
...YOU WHO WOULD DEFEND THE NINE WORLDS FROM ALL THREATS...
...TODAY BEGINS YOUR TRAINING.
THUS, LADY SIF AND I GIVE YOU A CHALLENGE.
MEET THE STONE COLOSSUS.
'TIS BIG AND STUPID. ROCKS FOR A BRAIN.
AND NOW?
BBWW OOORR RRR!!
NOW I'VE GONE AND GOTTEN HIM ANGRY.
WERE I YOU AND YOU WERE TRULY THE BRIGADE OF REALMS, I'D STOP IT...
...BEFORE IT KILLS US ALL.

THOR...
...WE HAD HIM.
I LIKE TO CLEAN UP MY OWN MESSES.
TCH.
WHO WANTS TO LIVE FOREVER?
BRIGADE OF REALMS, YOU ARE DISMISSED.

IT IS OLDER THAN EVERYTHING, AND MORE POWERFUL. FROM IT COMES MANY THINGS.
AND I HAVE WANTED IT FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
NOW I HAVE IT, AS IS MY WAY.
WHY THE OBFUSCATION? WHY THE DECEIT?
YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, HEIMDALL. NO ONE WOULD.
OR COULD. I SOUGHT A COMMUNION WITH IT, HEIMDALL, TO SEE IF I COULD FORESTALL AN IMMINENT TRUTH.
SOME TRUTHS ARE TERRIBLE, EVEN FOR THE ALL-FATHER.
I CANNOT RISK TELLING YOU MORE. SO ASK YOURSELF, IN THIS INSTANT, IN THIS WHITE-HOT MOMENT IN TIME, HEIMDALL--
IS THAT ENOUGH TO SLAKE YOUR THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE?
BECAUSE IF NOT...
...STRIKE ME DOWN.
I NEED YOU BY MY SIDE. UNFAILINGLY. UNFLINCHINGLY.
UNQUESTIONABLY. FOR WHAT COMES NEXT...I WILL NEED EVERY SWORD IN ASGARD AT MY SIDE.
I WILL RULE OVER A DIVIDED HOUSE NO LONGER. MAKE YOUR STAND NOW, HEIMDALL.
AND USE YOUR ALL-SIGHT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU STAND AGAINST ME.
GOOD, SOLDIER.
GOOD.

I'M NOT SAYING THEY'RE NOT WELCOME, STEVE...
I'M SAYING...I'M SAYING THEY'RE MAGNETS FOR THIS STUFF.
I'M SAYING--I LIVE IN THE HOUSE I WAS BORN IN. AND BEFORE THE ASGARDIANS CAME TO TOWN, I NEVER HAD TO REPLACE THE WINDOWS. NOT ONCE.
MAYBE PASTOR MIKE IS RIGHT.
THESE DAYS I GOT CARL DOWN AT TRIPLE-A WINDOW AND GLASS ON SPEED DIAL.

I MEAN TO SAVE THEM.
I MEAN TO SAVE THEM ALL.
GALACTUS IS COMING.
I HAVE HEARD THE LAMENTATIONS OF WORLDS--YET IF THERE ARE THREE MORE HORRIFYING WORDS IN ANY CORNER OF THE COSMOS, I'VE NOT HEARD THEM.
GALACTUS.
THE DEVOURER! THE EATER!
FORGIVE THEM. THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY--
YOU THERE.
MAN.

SURFER!
I'D NOT THREATEN ASGARD AGAIN UNLESS YOU WISH TO DIE HERE...
TO BE CONTINUED...